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NOVEMBER 4, 2021

Emmett Jordan Gets Top Vote; Council Geographically Diverse

by Amy Hansen

Candidate	Precinct 3	Precinct 6	Precinct 8	Precinct 13	Precinct 18	Early Voting	Mail-in	Total Votes
Emmett V. Jordan	331	403	85	145	149	298	618	2,029
Kristen L.K. Weaver	309	355	78	105	105	263	579	1,794
Judith F. Davis	265	304	69	134	125	250	564	1,711
Silke I. Pope	266	303	47	116	116	219	508	1,575
Brandon Ric Gordon	250	291	78	109	104	211	426	1,469
Colin A. Byrd	230	277	92	119	130	172	425	1,445
Rodney M. Roberts	216	276	51	110	103	195	418	1,369
Matthew A. Inzeo	146	208	29	66	76	168	309	1,002
Alexander J. Zajac	156	203	27	59	52	117	322	936
William A. Orleans	65	78	23	52	35	59	122	434
Write-In	2	1	0		1	14	37	55
Total Votes Cast	2,236	2,699	579	1,015	996	1,966	4,328	13,819

Greenbelt voters chose Emmett Jordan for the position of mayor after a long election season that ended on November 2. Furthermore, the 2,675 participating voters chose a city council that is the most geographically diverse council ever elected. Three members are from Greenbelt East, two members from Greenbelt West and two from Greenbelt Center.

Voters re-elected Emmett Jordan, Colin Byrd, Judith Davis, Silke Pope and Rodney Roberts with Jordan gaining the highest number of votes making him the likely new mayor. It added new members Ric Gordon and Kristen Weaver. Weaver, who got the second highest tally, is in line to be mayor pro tem. But no one knew that at 11:30 p.m. The election watch is held in Greenbelt Fire Station where four



Emmett Jordan and Kristen Weaver

television sets were tuned to the city's closed-circuit station. For hours, candidates, supporters and

curious citizens watched the city staff count and recount the ballots, but no one knew the results. Some candidates and supporters left, willing to find out the results in the morning.

Finally, at 11:45, the city posted the results. People gathered around the screens and saw ... a blurry image.

Candidates and volunteers yanked out their phones and looked at the twitter post, which was clear, if small. People peered onto cell-screens. "Congratulations!" could be heard but still not easily verified.

Within a few minutes, city staff posted a better image and the results were obvious.

See RESULTS, page 12

Referendum to Study Reparations Passes

Voters passed the referendum that will direct the city council to create a 21-person commission to study the issue of reparations for both African Americans and Native Americans in the city, and make recommendations to council. The question passed with a vote of 1,522 in favor and 910 against. The newly elected councilmembers took a moment to cheer for the passage during the late-night election-watch event on November 2.

In-person Voting Held Tuesday For City Council Elections

by Shannon Clark

After months of campaigning and city council forums, Greenbelt residents had the opportunity to vote in person on Tuesday, November 2, for the 2021 to 2023 Greenbelt City Council.

The five precinct locations in town – the Community Center, Springhill Lake Recreation Center, the Greenbelt Police Department, Greenbriar Community Building and Schrom Hills Park – opened to voters at 7 a.m. Individual candidate signs lined the streets near the precinct locations, and "vote here" signs were posted along walkways.

This year's in-person voting

In 2019, according to the City of Greenbelt, 1,713 Greenbelters

voted in person, while 467 people opted for early and absentee voting. This year, some Greenbelters experienced issues with mailing in voting, with some receiving their ballots late last week.

"There was a problem with the vendor. They didn't have the right list or they didn't have a complete list," said Judith Davis, city council candidate. "But I know that anybody that comes in [to vote], they've been trying to rectify that. They were saying that they can't vote, but now they are making sure that they can."

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What Goes On

Monday, November 8
7:30 p.m. Charter Meeting for Swearing-in of 44th City Council

Wednesday, November 10
8 p.m. Worksession: Prince George's County Economic Development Corporation

All meetings are virtual. See the meetings calendar at greenbeltdmd.gov for agendas and information on public participation in these meetings.

Greenbelt's Annual Utopia Film Festival to Open November 20

by Susan Gervasi

With a focus on safety, Greenbelt's Utopia Film Festival returns for its 17th year on Saturday, November 20 through Monday, November 22. This year the festival will offer 35 independent films.

"This year's festival has been significantly more challenging to plan," said Utopia Executive Director Chris Haley, whose committee met online through Zoom to organize. "We had to consider Covid safety concerns. We want our filmmakers and patrons to be able to enjoy this year's event and future ones also."

Utopia 2021, a project of Greenbelt Access Television, will screen films at the Old Greenbelt Theatre (129 Centerway) and the

New Deal Café (113 Centerway). Both venues will require masks, proof of vaccination or a recent negative Covid-19 test and a photo ID. Seating is limited, so planners suggest purchasing tickets in advance through the festival website, utopiafilmfestival.org.

"One thing that didn't change this year is the quality of the films we received," added Haley. "The challenging subjects and technical skills many of our films exhibit is a testament to the equipment and expertise now more affordable for all levels of moviemakers despite limited budgets."

Utopia 2021 will offer films

See UTOPIA, page 10

"That Could Have Been Bad" Orienteering for Challenge, Fun

by Kyla Hanington

Why is it that the most out-of-shape person in Greenbelt insists on doing so many outdoor activities? This is what I thought to myself as I lay on my bed for five straight hours Sunday afternoon, unable to move, staring mournfully at the ceiling. Occasionally I'd yell for Dan, saying things like "errggghhh" and "ugggggh," because is it really suffering if you don't have someone to share it with?

When the Greenbelt News Review suggested I try orienteering for an article, I jumped at the chance. I mean basically orienteering is wandering around

in the woods, pretending you understand your compass, hoping you won't die, and I do that pretty much every day of my life. Doing it yet again for the News Review seemed a natural fit. Plus, I had totally orienteered before, back when I was in fifth grade and the teacher gave us all compasses and maps and had us run around the field for 30 minutes one afternoon. Surely the skills learned on the completely flat, barren field behind Parkview Elementary School in Sicamous, British Columbia, 35 years ago

See ORIENTEERING, page 10



Three-year-old Karson and two-year-old Kyndall participate in Trunk-or-Treat at Beltway Plaza. See more pictures, p. 8.

PHOTO BY DANIEL R. HAMLIN

Letters to the Editor

Finds No Fair Play In Editorial Changes

The News Review editorial on October 21, 2021, said that they stand by their making edits in (removing) Rodney Roberts' words in his GNR question in 2019 in the interest of fair play. The News Review stated, "We feel strongly about fair play in what we publish in the News Review." What makes the News Review staff the supreme judge of what is fair play? The editing, however minor, that took place was anything but fair play. Fair play is not removing or changing some of someone's words but rather including everything they say. It is not a newspaper's job to be guided by their feelings but rather by objective reporting standards. Reporting facts as they are and quoting people exactly as they say something is what I trust a newspaper to do. I appreciate all of the faithful volunteers that help get the News Review out every week and I love reading it. However, it is an overreach of the task before you to change up text as you see fit. Making excuses for taking liberties that are not yours, as the News Review has done on other occasions, is troubling and undermines my trust in your capability to dispense news in an unbiased manner. It makes me wonder what else you change in the interest of "fair play."

Dawn Warner

Grateful for Fitness Center Precautions

I am very grateful for the public health precautions enacted by the Greenbelt Recreation Department, and specifically for those at the Greenbelt Aquatic & Fitness Center.

I want to live in a community that respects the needs of persons with a broad range of abilities and health statuses. I want to live in a community that thinks carefully about what airborne transmission of disease means and cares about simple things such as

how we can safely maintain social distancing, as well as benefit from the marvelous recreational resources available to us here in Greenbelt. The staff at GAFC are doing just that in reducing places within the facility where people gather and come close to one another.

In autumn, with the patterns of the pandemic rising in the autumn/winter over the last two years, with breakthrough cases of Covid even for those of us who are vaccinated, it is not a time to relax our care and concern for each other. Let us continue to hold the needs of others, perhaps more susceptible than ourselves, at the forefront of our public impacting decisions.

Susan A. Taylor

No Big Kitty

The cougar the lady saw in her Greenbelt back yard a little over a year ago will not be returning this year. It was spotted back here in Pennsylvania, sedated, and taken to a wildlife rescue center. In a way, this turn of events is really quite sad because the big cat will not be able to visit and enjoy the proposed Greenbelt cat café. Life isn't always fair.

Shelva J. Angle
Former Greenbelter



**KEEP
CALM
AND
WEAR
A MASK**



PHOTO BY KATIE PUGLIESE

Brother and sister enjoy a fall day at Greenbelt Lake (Rudy, age 5, and Lucia Pugliese, age 2 and a half.)

Don't forget to set your clocks back on Sunday

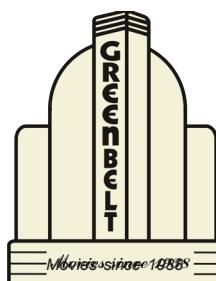


Clarification

The candidate forum reported on in the October 28 issue, hosted by GHI, was also sponsored by the Charlestowne Village Condominium HOA.

Missing Paper?

The News Review thanks Tom Renahan for letting us know he didn't receive his newspaper so we could fix the problem. Let circ@greenbeltnewsreview.com know quickly if yours is a no show.



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Member kids are always FREE!
Adults \$9, Kids \$6,
Senior/Student/Military \$8
All shows before 5 PM:
Adults \$7, Kids \$5
OC = Open Captions
CC = Closed Captions
DVS = Descriptive Video Service

SHOWTIMES November 5th - November 8th

Proof of COVID-19 vaccination OR negative PCR test (within 72 hours)
AND matching photo ID required for admission.
For more information call (301) 329-2034 or visit greenbeltheatre.org

THE LAST DUEL (R)(CC)
(DVS)(2021)(153 MINS)

FRI. 7:30 PM

SAT. 5:00 PM

SUN. 2:00 PM (OC)

MON. 5:00 PM

PASSING (PG-13)(CC)(DVS)
(2021)(98 MINS)

FRI. 5:00 PM

SAT. 8:30 PM

SUN. 5:30 PM

MON. 2:30 PM

SPECIAL DOCUMENTARY SCREENING:
FREE - TICKET REQUIRED
LA MANPLESA (NR)(2021)
(52 MINS)(WITH GUEST SPEAKERS)
TUES. 7:00 PM

Noticed in Town



PHOTO BY NASA GODDARD/BILL HRYBK

NASA Goddard joins the Little Free Library movement with their Take a Rocket Leave a Rocket program.



Letters Policy

Deadline for letters is 6 p.m. Monday. Submission does not guarantee publication. Letters should be no longer than 300 words (shorter letters are more likely to be published).

Letters may be edited for clarity, grammar, civility and space constraints. The News Review may add a comment from the editor if deemed necessary.

All letters must include the letter writer's name, physical address, and telephone number. Only the name will be published; the News Review will consider requests for the name to be withheld.



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- Tuesday 6 p.m. Classified Ads and camera-ready display ads.
- Email submission is available. Hardcopy submissions (delivered by respective deadline) may be mailed to the address above or left in the Co-op grocery store drop box or GNR external office door mail slot, as shown below.
- Payment must accompany ads except by prior arrangement

MAIL SUBSCRIPTION: \$55/year

Greenbelt Community Center at 15 Crescent Rd.

OFFICE HOURS: Monday 2 - 4 p.m., Tuesday 2 - 4, 6 - 8 p.m.

Office is currently closed to the public. Please phone or email.

GNR external office door mail slot is located up a few stairs 25 yards left of the Community Center's east door near the municipal building.

Greenbelt Cub Scouts Prepare to Scout for Food

by Anna Bedford-Dillow



PHOTO BY ANNA BEDFORD-DILLOW

Callum Bedford-Dillow poses with his homemade box for food collection in Nov. 2020. The scouts pivoted to collecting via home-made drop boxes in Nov. 2020 due to the pandemic.

Scouting for Food is an annual effort of the Boy Scouts of America – one that has been ongoing since 1985. Many of you have seen scouts on neighborhood streets and doorsteps collecting non-perishable food for local food banks in November. Although it is now a well-established national program, it's one that has a great local impact for those in need in our own community.

This year, as in others, Greenbelt Cub Scouts Pack 202 will be Scouting for Food in Greenbelt. Unfortunately, like last year, the scouts cannot go door-to-door; however, collection boxes will be placed at intersecting streets and courts and convenient neighborhood hubs. Be on the lookout for these boxes with some enthusiastic, scout-made signs, and help to fill them with non-perishable food for those less fortunate.

On the first weekend of November, collection boxes will be

appearing throughout Greenbelt. A map and list of locations will be forthcoming, and collection will take place on Saturday, November 13. As you make your grocery purchases, consider buying an additional can of soup or beans, or canned fish, meat, vegetables or fruit to give. Packaged goods like rice and pasta and sauces are also appreciated. Make sure your donations are non-perishable and not expired.

Anyone unable to get to a collection box can email the scouts for a donation pickup at their doorstep. Contact Anna with any questions about Scouting for Food at annalouisebedford@gmail.com. Thank you for supporting the scouts in filling our local food banks.

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planting of a tree be an automatic

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PLEASE DONATE

Scouting for Food is your local Boy Scout council's annual food-collection drive. Please watch for more information about how to help needy families in our community.



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Sunday School 9:15am

Wednesday Night Bible Study 7:00pm

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City OKs Options to Honor Its Centenarian Residents

by Matthew Arbach

Greenbelt residents who reach the age of 100 will now have this milestone honored by the city. On September 27, the Greenbelt City Council voted to award any willing centenarian a card signed by council and the city manager, a certificate, a choice of gifts (flowers or gift card) and the option of having a tree planted in their honor with an accompanying plaque in a location of their choosing. As well, with their approval, they can be named in a monthly section in the Greenbelt News Review and on other social media sites.

This was a joint motion by Councilmembers Judith Davis and Silke Pope, supported with ideas and inspiration from the Community Relations Advisory Board (CRAB), Greenbelt CARES, the Senior Citizens Advisory Committee (SCAC) and Therapeutic Recreation Supervisor Rebekah Sutfin, staff liaison to the SCAC.

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action, along with the card and certificate. However, Councilmember Emmett Jordan posited that this could be an option instead, citing that some individuals may not be interested.

Jordan's idea was passed as an amendment by a 4 to 2 vote. With the amendment, the entire motion was passed unanimously.

Planting trees was a goal approved by the whole council, with Davis proudly citing Greenbelt's canopy of 65 percent as of five years ago. Mayor Colin Byrd ended the discussion by stating the consensus opinion that, "I'd support any proposal to plant trees."

In a separate interview, Sutfin noted, "We have two (centenarians) that celebrated in June and in August and one coming up later this month is going to be 103!"

Obituaries

The News Review publishes obituaries of Greenbelt residents, past or present.

You write it or we will if you prefer. We try to include information about participation in various activities and organizations, where the person lived and something about the family. A photograph and service information should be included. There is no charge.



Congratulations to Dora Kennedy French Immersion School for their excellent ranking by U.S. News and World Reports of #89 in Maryland Elementary Schools and #13 in Maryland Middle Schools. Schools are ranked on their performance on state-required tests, graduation and how well they prepare their students for high school.

Share your accomplishments, milestones and news in the Our Neighbors column. Send details of your news items to editor@greenbeltnewsreview.com.



CATHOLIC COMMUNITY
of GREENBELT

During the pandemic, we gather VIRTUALLY for Liturgy of the Word Sundays, 10:00 a.m.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

For ZOOM link:

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"...religion must be in conformity with science and reason, so that it may influence the hearts of men."

– Bahá'u'lláh



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40 Ridge Road, Greenbelt

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301-474-9410

Reverend Rivera, Pastor

In-Person Worship Service 9:30 a.m.

November 13, save the date Concert 7:30



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All services and activities are currently virtual

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Welcomes you to our open, nurturing community

November 7 10 a.m.

On Belonging

Rev. Ann Kadlec with Worship Associate Carol Carter Walker

Zoom video at <https://zoom.us/j/93495780708>

We humans have an innate need to belong. When this need is met, we are happier, more connected, and have greater resilience to stress and illness. How does being part of this Unitarian Universalist community foster your sense of belonging? And how might we nurture and grow our understanding of what it means to belong?

And, as always, if you have a joy or sorrow that you would like shared aloud during this service, please email it to joys-sorrows@pbuuc.org by noon on Friday.



City Notes

Halloween fun included a party at Springhill Lake Recreation Center and, for Mom's Morning Out preschoolers, trick-or-treating at Recreation buildings.

City Manager Nicole Ard, Planning Director Terri Hraby and Public Works Director Jim Sterling met virtually with County Councilmember Todd Turner regarding 51 Crescent Road flooding issues.

Refuse/Recycling collected 27.92 tons of refuse and 11.88 tons of recyclables. Sustainability/Environmental created an updated map of the Forest Preserves. Five picnic tables were supplied for a Girl Scout event at the Community Center.

The Animal Shelter hosts four dogs, six cats, a kitten and a rabbit.

Community Center staff coordinated with Public Works on exterior painting and the Aquatic & Fitness Center hosted Fire/EMS Water Training.

Park rangers facilitated CHEARS and Golden Age events at Schrom Hills Park.

Therapeutic Recreation celebrated Greenbelt's centenarians; the most senior, at 103 years old, received an honorary tree. Meals were delivered to 21 seniors.

At the October Greenbelt Assistance in Living Program Flu Clinics, 284 people were vaccinated.

TheBus Route 11 Resumes Service

TheBus Route 11 resumed operation last week, again offering another transit option to Greenbelters on weekdays. The route loops through Greenbelt East and then passes through central Greenbelt and past the Federal Courthouse on Cherrywood Lane before heading to the Greenbelt Metro Station, retracing its route on the return. The route is run at 30-minute intervals between about 6:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Mondays through Fridays except on most federal holidays (see princegeorgescountymd.gov/3429/ Route-11 for the route map and schedule).

Rides on TheBus, which is operated by Prince George's County, are free for youth ages 5 to 18, adults aged 60 and over, persons with disabilities and Medicare card holders with a valid photo ID. The fare is \$1 for other adults, payable in cash or with a Metro SmarTrip card. See princegeorgescountymd.gov/1121/ Fares-Rules for more information. Face masks must be worn by all riders.

Another TheBus route through Greenbelt, the 15X, has not yet resumed operation. TheBus Route 16, which runs between the Greenbelt Metro Station and the New Carrollton Metro Station, has operated throughout most of the pandemic.



City Information & Events

The strength of Greenbelt is diverse people living together in a spirit of cooperation. We celebrate all people. By sharing together all are enriched. We strive to be a respectful, welcoming community that is open, accessible, safe and fair.

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

Organizational Meeting of 44th Council
and Charter Meeting
Monday, November 8, 2021 at 7:00pm

ORGANIZATION

Call to Order
Roll Call
Meditation and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

COMMUNICATIONS

- Certification of Election Count - City Clerk
- Oath of Office - Council Elect - by Mayor Byrd
- Election of Temporary Chair
- Election of Mayor
- Administration of Oath of Office to Newly Elected Mayor
- Statement by Mayor
- Election of Mayor Pro Tem
- Statement by Mayor Pro Tem
- Statements by Members of Council

OTHER BUSINESS

- Other Business

COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE VIRTUAL Cablecast on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and 996 and greenbeltdmd.gov/municipaltv

Resident participation: Information will be posted on Meetings Calendar at greenbeltdmd.gov

In advance, the hearing impaired is advised to use Video Relay Services (VRS) at 711 to submit your questions/comments or contact the City Clerk at (301) 474-8000 or email banderson@greenbeltdmd.gov.

VOLUNTEER TRAIL MAINTENANCE

Saturday, November 6
10:00am–1:00pm
Greenbelt Forest Preserve

Help maintain and improve a portion of the trail system in the Greenbelt Forest Preserve. Volunteers will work with Public Works staff to perform general trail maintenance activities. Masks will be required at all times.

- Bring a reusable water bottle
- Wear weather-appropriate clothing and closed-toe shoes
- Students: Bring community-service forms
- Volunteers must register in order to participate
- Limited to 25 volunteers

To register, contact Environmental Coordinator Kevin Carpenter-Driscoll at kdriscoll@greenbeltdmd.gov

**NOVEMBER FREE HOLIDAY FOOD BOX DISTRIBUTION**

Monday, November 22
1:00pm–4:00pm
Springhill Lake Recreation Center
6101 Cherrywood Lane

Register by Friday, November 5, 5:00pm at: forms.gle/aHaun7KDZ58VWBqk7 or call 240-542-2033

MASK REQUIRED TO ENTER THE BUILDING

Registration and proof of Greenbelt residency required. One box per family.

VIRTUAL MEETINGS FOR NOVEMBER 4–12

Thursday, November 4 at 7:00pm, **SPECIAL MEETING/CLOSED SESSION – CITY MANAGER EVALUATION**, See Official Notice below

Monday, November 8 at 5:30pm, **YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE**, On the Agenda: Review Minutes, Advisory Committee Liaison Reports, Committee Initiated Discussion

Wednesday, November 10 at 7:00pm, **MAGLEV TASK FORCE MEETING**, On the Agenda: Open Discussion, Updates, Brainstorming Ways to Build Support for the "No Build" Option

Wednesday, November 10 at 8:00pm, **WORK SESSION – PRICE GEORGE'S COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORP**, Virtual meeting will be shown on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and 996, and streaming at greenbeltdmd.gov/municipaltv

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OFFICIAL NOTICE

In accordance with Section 3-305(b)(1) of the General Provisions Article of the Annotated Code of the Public General Laws of Maryland, a closed session of the Greenbelt City Council will be held on Thursday, November 4, at 7:00pm virtually by Zoom, to discuss the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of appointees, employees, or officials over whom this public body has jurisdiction; any other personnel matter that affects one or more specific individuals.

The purpose of this meeting will be the performance evaluation of the City Manager.

**The public may attend the Special Meeting prior to the closed session, and observe the vote of Council to move into closed session on Thursday, November 4th, 2021.*

Shaniya Lashley-Mullen, Assistant to the City Clerk

ANIME CLUB

Tuesday, November 9
6:00pm–7:30pm
Springhill Lake Recreation Center

Anyone who is interested in the Japanese art form of anime is welcome. Members will watch and discuss current and classic Anime series. The club will provide a safe and enjoyable environment for those that like and appreciate Anime.

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**HOLIDAY SCHEDULE**

City Offices will be closed Thursday, November 11, in observance of Veterans Day.

The GREENBELT CONNECTION will not be operating.

**REFUSE/RECYCLING SCHEDULE****Week of November 8**

Monday Route – Collected Monday
Tuesday Route – Collected Tuesday
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**ELECTION UPDATE**

See results on page 1.

All That Jazz Art Reception Ramps Up New Deal Season

by Cathie Meetre

The first art show reception organized by Friends of the New Deal Café Arts since Covid-19 began was greeted with enthusiasm by a crowd of about 30 gathered Sunday, October 31 in the New Deal. Outstanding Citizen and Art Coordinator Shaymar Higgs, stylishly dressed for Halloween as Spiderman, welcomed the audience.

The theme was All That Jazz and musical instruments, bands and solo players featured in about 15 varied works. Most artists were present, ready to discuss their work and their lives as artists. In talking with them, a theme emerged: their drive to create.

Multiple stories emerged: a daughter originally deflected from a career in art by her jazz-aficionado, engineer father (Barbara Joann Combs). A nurse, who after a 40-year career in healthcare took an art degree at the Corcoran and now works in her studio five days a week (Delia Mychaljuk) and a National Geographic photo lab technician who, after a career enhancing the photographs of others, took up the camera himself (Warren Wilson). Most exhibitors had a formal art education earlier or later in their lives – but all have an irrepressible artist within.

The jazz music theme informed most of the show's pieces – the saxophone with its voluptuous curves taking the melody line in several. Mychaljuk's Saxophone Player, seen close, invited touch. Made of fine steel wool and perhaps 30-plus inches high, the stylized figure with its bellying sax projected from its backling by as much as half an inch of crushed wire. First attached with an acrylic medium, the steel wool was painted with oils for color and clear urethane to limit rusting. Mychaljuk plays tenor, alto and soprano saxophone herself so knows of what she paints. Her most recent acquisition is the soprano sax, which she says is the most demanding to play, but the instrument portrayed in her work is a muscular and dominant tenor, and it's not clear who's playing whom.

Barbara Combs showed three paintings from a series of about 80. All are begun, she says, with realistic sketches, and the works diverge stylistically as they progress, becoming more abstract – some, like Blue Jazz IV, remaining stark and emphasizing graceful black-and-white curves with a single splash of color. Others become a combination of monochrome lines and a single broadly used emphasis color – like the gold of the saxophones in her piece called 3 Tenor Gold. Combs is intrigued by cubism – and Jazz String Fuchsia extends her original realism with colorful planes and complexity of form in what she calls a “simplified” cubist approach. In her career teaching art to all age groups, Combs followed up an early B.A. in visual arts with a several years later master's degree in community art from the Maryland Institute College of Art in Baltimore. She is a Greenbelt resident who teaches art to lucky students at Gaywood Elementary in nearby Lanham-Seabrook.



This piece by Barbara Combs is another in the series of jazz-related works shown at the New Deal Café.



David Ralph's Delta Blues

David Ralph, showing his watercolor Delta Blues, was another artist whose nine-to-five job enables his life in art. He described how he embodies the underlying geometric relationships among the members of a New Orleans style blues quartet, incorporating these dimensions through color and line as additional insights into a recognizable, but abstract, underlying scene. The result is a fusion of line, curve and color that conveys a sense of motion and mood. A range of soft blues and purples, golden highlights and emphasized geometry, results in a sophisticated riff on the blues theme. Ralph lives in Greenbelt and has a booth at the College Park Farmer's Market.

Three photographs caught the eye. Warren Wilson, going from darkroom to digital in his photo technician career with National Geographic, agreed their genesis was purposeful not extemporaneous. A bass player is silhouetted against synchronized photographic flashes set at an angle behind him. The flash, in blue and magenta, evocatively illuminates the brim of a hat here, the outline of a hand, the pegs of the double bass there – quintessentially jazz. The dark background of the photo makes the soft edges of the blue and magenta shading expand slowly into focus as the eye adjusts to the dark palette – back-lit on a screen, this spare luminosity would be even more striking. A second photo is

Funky Bass, where the camera is moved with the shutter open to create an image of a bass guitar in motion – though the instrument is still and the motion is the camera. The third is a more conventional picture that vividly captures a banjo player at the Howard County Fair.

Robert Snyder, recently retired
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County Case Rate Still High; Booster and Kid Shots Ready

by Cathie Meetre

County Executive Angela Alsobrooks's Covid-19 news update reported on Friday, October 29 that Covid-19 cases continue to drop countywide though the rate is still considered “substantial” (50 to 99.9 per 100,000) by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC). She quoted a rate of ~56 new cases weekly per 100,000 residents as of October 29, which is approaching a “moderate” rate of community transition – defined as fewer than 50 cases per 100,000. The update also reminded residents that the indoor mask mandate remains in place for all individuals over the age of 2, regardless of vaccination status. Prince George's County's population is about 56 percent fully vaccinated and 62 percent have received at least one dose.

County by County

In the Vax Pack lead statewide are Howard and Montgomery Counties with 73 and 70 percent of their populations fully vaccinated. Not surprisingly, given its lower percentage of vaccination, Prince George's has a higher per capita rate of both infections and deaths than either Montgomery or Howard (with one exception – read on ...).

Percentage reported total cases per capita are: Prince George's 11.0, Montgomery 7.8 and Howard 6.8. Percentage of reported total cases resulting in death are Prince George's 1.7, Montgomery 2.0 and Howard 1.2. In this latter area, the Montgomery/Prince George's relationship is different because those who did get Covid-19 in Montgomery County were apparently slightly more likely to die of it. Cold comfort.

Greenbelt Stats

For the 20770 zip code, the past week through October 28 has seen a total of 21 new cases – a weekly rate per 100,000 population of ~11, right on the borderline between moderate and low community transmission by the CDC definition. So far, 20770 has had just over 2,400 cases pandemic-long, meaning that Greenbelters are fairly typical of the county population as a whole with about 11 percent having tested positive.

Boosters

County residents who are eligible for booster shots of either Pfizer or Moderna vaccine include those 65 years of age and older and those 18 or older who are in long-term care, have underlying medical conditions or who work in high-risk settings. To qualify, recipients must be at least six months past the date of their original Pfizer or Moderna shots. Individuals over 18 who received the J&J vaccine are eligible for a booster two months after receiving their original shot, and may select any brand of vaccine for the booster. For more information, check out mypygc.us/COVIDVaccine.

Shots for Kids

The Health Department will begin vaccinating the 5- through 11-year-old group as soon as all permissions from federal and state authorities are in place. Health department vaccination sites, doctors' offices and pharmacies will all be giving shots. For more information see mypygc.us/COVIDVaccine.



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Treasury Announces It Will Build BEP Plant on BARC

by Deanna Dawson

The U.S. Department of the Treasury announced that it will move forward to construct a Bureau of Engraving and Printing (BEP) currency production facility on the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center (BARC). According to the Record of Decision (ROD) released by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Baltimore District, on October 21, building the facility on the BARC site is the environmentally preferable alternative from among the alternatives considered, and Treasury has decided to implement it. The ROD also lists the mitigation measures that will be adopted to avoid or minimize environmental harm. The ROD, Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and supporting documents are available on the project website: nab.usace.army.mil/home/bep-replacement-project. For a description of the currency production facility and the BARC site, see the article published in the Greenbelt News Review fol-

lowing release of the Final EIS (greenbeltnewsreview.com/issues/GNR20210610.pdf).

This decision was not a surprise because the EIS considered only two alternatives: to build a currency production facility on the BARC site or to not build a new facility. The existing currency production plant in downtown Washington, D.C., which the new facility will replace, was built in 1914 and cannot be modernized or expanded through renovation, so Treasury clearly wanted a new facility. And Congress has already authorized, in the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018, the transfer of this U.S. Department of Agriculture land to Treasury for the facility.

Preparation of the site could begin before the end of this year, with construction expected to be completed in 2025. Treasury will gradually transition personnel and operations from the D.C. facility to the new facility, likely from 2025 to 2029.

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Legion Post Hosts Health Screenings

Residents living in and around Greenbelt can learn about their risk for cardiovascular disease, osteoporosis, diabetes and other chronic, serious conditions with affordable screenings by Life Line Screening. Greenbelt American Legion Post 136 will host this community event on Thursday, November 18.

Screenings can check for the following: (1) the level of plaque buildup in arteries, related to risk for cardiovascular disease, stroke and overall vascular health; (2) HDL and LDL cholesterol levels; (3) diabetes risk; (4) bone density as a risk for possible osteoporosis; (5) kidney and thyroid function, and more.

There is a fee for screenings; consultants will work with participants to create a package that is right for them based on age and risk factors. Call 1-877-237-1287 or visit the website at lifelinescreening.com. Pre-registration is required.



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Shaymar Higgs, left, stands with artists at the All That Jazz show. From left, artists Delia Mychajluk, David Ralph, Robert Snyder, Barbara Combs, William Moats and Warren Wilson stand in front of Mychajluk's painting.

as a county schools art teacher and living in Greenbelt, showed a painting of an accordion player in the Plaza de San Paola Giovanni in Rome, based on his photograph from the 1980s. It reincarnates a busker caught in a 40-years-ago-moment, smiling and swaying to the rhythm – cap at a jaunty angle and plaid shirt open at the neck. Snyder studied studio art and art history in college and later completed an M.A. in art education at the University of Maryland.

Greenbelter William Moats admitted that his two submissions weren't linked closely (or

possibly at all) to music, but his two collages fit right in. Blending strips of other watercolor paintings which collectively created a tranquil abstract scene, they drew the eye to a focal point of more intense shading and complexity. Moats attended college as a budding artist and remains one still, having acquired degrees in art, anthropology and counseling psychology along the way.

The show is no longer available for viewing at the New Deal. The artists have websites on which these and other examples of their work may be viewed.

Barbara Combs:
CreatedbyBarbara.com
Robert Snyder:
rlsnyder04@yahoo.com
Warren Wilson:
Warren-Wilson-photos.com
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GAC Begins In-person Plays with The Bard's Cymbeline

by Jon Gardner



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From left, Posthumus (Erin MacDonald), the Bartender (Joshua Engel) and Iachimo (Evan Ockershausen) in Shakespeare's *Cymbeline*

The Greenbelt Arts Center (GAC) will restart in-person plays with Shakespeare's *Cymbeline*, performed by The Rude Mechanicals, GAC's troupe in residence, and directed by Erin Nealer. The play will be performed at GAC on Friday through Sunday, November 5, 6 and 7 at 8 p.m. each night. Tickets must be purchased online in advance at greenbeltnartscenter.org; both the audience and the cast will follow Covid-19 protocols.

Cymbeline is the only Shakespeare play The Rude Mechanicals have never performed since their start 22 years ago, and it's a perfect way to welcome back live theater. Join them for a sweeping fairytale complete with knights, long-lost princes, brainwashed kings and murder. Through it all, the clever Princess Imogen and her devoted husband Posthumus fight for true love, justice and truth.

The Rudes have taken a page from *The Princess Bride* to capture the magic of Shakespeare's text and included a narrator pair – a father and son – reading the story of King Cymbeline and his court. *Cymbeline* is one of Shakespeare's final plays, and it will remind Shakespeare-savvy audience members of classic moments from his greatest hits. The

larger-than-life characters will draw in new Shakespeare fans as well.

"Coming back to live theater after the past two years has felt like preparing for a party," commented Nealer. "And you're all invited! *Cymbeline* is all about feel-good fun, with an undercurrent of genuine warmth and human connection that I think we've all been missing lately. The cast and crew have pulled out all the stops, and I couldn't be prouder of their creativity. GAC has been so welcoming and thoughtful about Covid safety, which makes it a real pleasure to throw open the doors and welcome you all back to the audience!"

To attend the play, the audience must show proof of vaccination for Covid-19 and wear masks while in the theater. The actors have also been vaccinated and will wear masks on stage. Seating is limited to allow for social distancing in the audience, and tickets must be purchased in advance.

For more information and to buy tickets, visit greenbeltnartscenter.org. See the ad on page 3 for a discount coupon code. Future productions will include both in-person and online shows as GAC slowly transitions back to a regular schedule.

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Trunk-or-Treat Finds Shelter on a Rainy Day



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Three-and-a-half-year-old Alessia and father Darian participate in Trunk-or-Treat at Beltway Plaza.

Trunk-or-Treat with the Greenbelt Police Department took place in a deluge on Friday, October 29 and brought an outstanding turnout. Young people and their adults lined up under the north parking garage at Beltway Plaza for their chance to connect with the many joyful hosts of different decorated trunks, from a Greenbelt Fire Department ambulance to police cruisers. Jointly hosted by Greenbelt Police Department, Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department and Franklin Park Apartments, with support from Mission BBQ, the Trunk-or-Treat event was originally scheduled to take place outside the Franklin Park leasing office. With the threat of inclement weather, the event was moved to the parking garage with short notice, thanks to the support of Beltway Plaza who provided the space. Small (and not so small) costumed people waited their turn to do a little trick-or-treating, collect a pumpkin and enjoy the excitement of the crowd. Trunk-or-Treat takes place in different locations around Greenbelt each year. Last year's was held at Schrom Hills Park while the previous year it was held at Springhill Lake Recreation Center.



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Pirates attack at the Trunk-or-Treat on October 29



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Residents celebrate Trunk-or-Treat in a covered parking lot in Beltway Plaza.

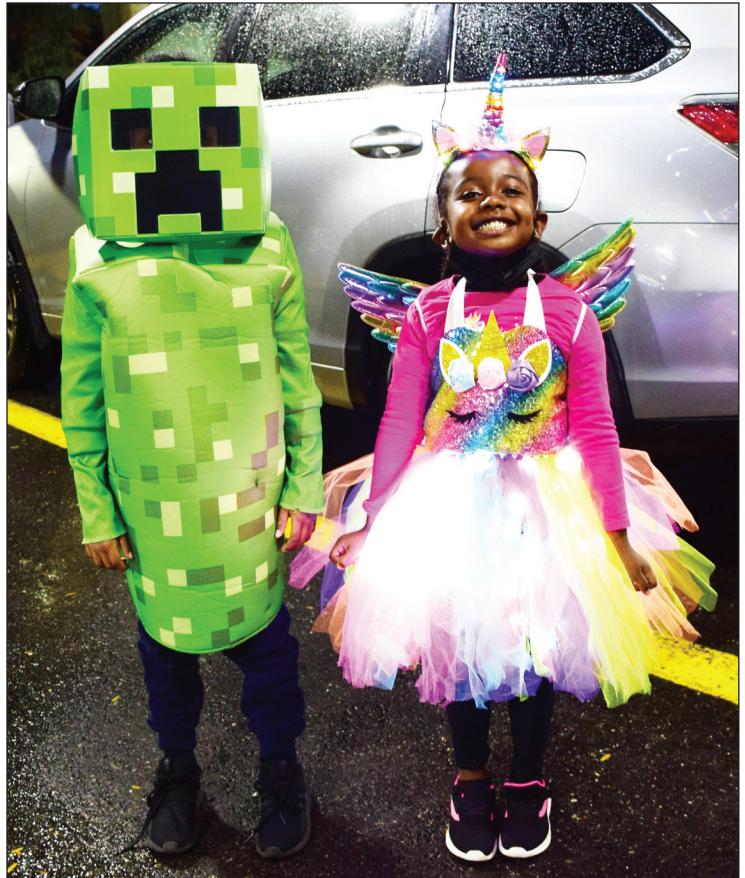


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Glitter, lights, and video game characters abound.



PHOTO BY HANNAH GLASGOW

Greenbelt emergency medical technicians set up a spooky display at the Trunk-or-Treat event on Friday, October 29.



PHOTO BY GLENN HARRIS

Monsters and heroes attend Trunk-or-Treat.



WORKING TOGETHER...

Rental Assistance Fair 2: November 16th and 17th.

Following our successful October Rental Assistance Fair, we are again partnering with the Prince George's County Office of Community Relations for a two-day rental assistance event on November 16th and 17th.

The first fair assisted an additional 61 residents who took advantage of the on-site support provided by the Prince George's County staff. Residents were also able to apply or request status updates to pre-existing applications for rental assistance.

Prior to last month's fair, we documented 205 pending ERAP applications for rental assistance. These were initiated by Franklin Park as the landlord, as well as our residents, who with team members

- October 19-20 Rental Assistance Fair Success**
- Additional 61 Residents assisted— others since!
- On-site county and bi-lingual help with requests
- Door-to-door, email and phone outreach



Ashley Robinson- Accounting Relations Manager, with bilingual team members Bianca Garcia and Lessly Escobar, two of seven team members who assist residents with rental assistance application filing providing one on one assistance, were able to complete their individual applications.

We are able to achieve positive results by identifying residents who are in need of assistance. We email, call, and visit resident homes door to door to advise about the availability of the benefits to meet current rent obligations. We have posted instructions in both English and Spanish throughout the community, our social media outlets, and website providing information on where and how to seek assistance in completing requests for financial support.



We partnered with Prince George's Council Member Todd Turner's office, RUAK, St. Hugh's Church and Reid Temple AME Church for monthly food and basic necessity distributions.

.. thank you again for all your help during this process. Also, I wanted to let you know how helpful the young lady is at the front desk. I have literally broken down on the phone and at the desk in regards to what I'm going through. -B

Since the beginning of the pandemic, Franklin Park, a 2877-unit apartment community housing more than 10,000 residents, has assisted more than 500 families who have suffered the ill effects of the COVID-19 crisis. As our community continues to struggle with the effects of the COVID pandemic, we recognize the financial, emotional, and even physical toll that evictions inflict upon residents. In that spirit, we do everything possible to work collaboratively with residents who are experiencing hardship and will only pursue eviction as an absolute final resort for those who decline to communicate with our team and fail to take advantage of available resources.

I am in tears. Thank you so much. I'm working again and so is my daughter and we will be able to pay November rent on time. This was the biggest burden on me and now I can truly start over. Sincerely, -J.

Franklin Park made a commitment to our residents, the City of Greenbelt, Prince George's County and the State of Maryland, to pause eviction proceedings for residents with pending ERAP applications and to work closely with ERAP program directors to expedite funding decisions.

We have worked very hard to keep our residents and their families in place throughout the pandemic and it is our top priority to continue to find ways to keep our families housed within our community.

This reflects not only the Franklin Park way, but the Greenbelt Way.



Derek E. Davis, PG County's Deputy Director Of The Office Of Community Relations with Community Manager Denise Knight at the October Rental Assistance Fair.

Ms. Robinson, You and The Entire Franklin Park Team Went Beyond The Call Of Duty To Make This Positive News Happen. We Appreciate Ya'll Beyond Measure. Thanks A Million. -S

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are applicable to any orienteering course on the globe. Right?

As it happens, I've known legendary Greenbelt orienteer and Quantico Orienteering Club member David Alexander for many years, so I sent him an email to see if he'd let me tag along with him to an upcoming event. The club had one scheduled at Patuxent River Park on October 31, and we joined up as a team of four: David, his wife Rachel, me and Amy Hansen, another longtime buddy.

As we drove to Upper Marlboro, David provided some basic instruction in what orienteering maps look like, including that the north indicated on orienteering maps is magnetic north, not true north, delightful news which meant we could trust our compasses. I, of course, don't have a compass but David and Rachel have plenty and lent me one for the day. As David reviewed with us how to use them before we started, I ran into a little user error.

"Mine doesn't work," I said.

"Hold it flat," David explained. I held it flat. Then I held it flatter, and lo and behold, it did indeed work. I could hear David telling Amy something about numbers and a dial, so I interrupted again.

"Mine doesn't have numbers," I said.

There was, perhaps, a gentle sigh from David's direction. "Turn it over."

"Oh." I turned it over. "Hey! There are numbers!"

If I had to summarize orienteering, I would say that it is running (or, in our case, ambling) through the woods, using a map and a compass for guidance, to get to set stations, called controls, in the right order and to complete the course. Orienteering events like the one we did have multiple courses at different levels so participants can choose the difficulty that is best for them. David signed us up for the yellow course, the second easiest, which would cover a distance of just over three kilometers, about which I felt no small relief. I wasn't sure I had a 10-mile day in me, but three kilometers? I could definitely walk three kilometers (1.86 miles).

The basic tricks to orienteering are to know how to read an orienteering map and how to use a compass. Orienteering maps notably contain contour lines, which are a great way to figure out into what hellish gully you are about to wander and, more importantly, help you identify land features by which to orient yourself. The compass has a bunch of numbers on it, which, given that I've just looked this up on Google, I can tell you are called "degrees." By figuring out where north is, you can then figure out what direction – which degree – you need to head toward to get to the next control.

The four of us strolled along through the woods, occasionally on a path, occasionally over branches, brambles, logs and other of nature's detritus and sometimes walking face-first into spiders' webs, which given that it was Halloween, seemed ghastly appropriate. We got slightly lost when I ill-advisedly declared that now was definitely the time to veer into the woods "in that direction" and I must have sounded confident enough that everyone



Faceplant!

PHOTO BY AMY HANSEN



From left, intrepid orienteers Kyla Hanington, Rachel Alexander, David Alexander and Amy Hansen complete the course.

PHOTO BY KYLA HANINGTON

believed me.

"That could have been bad," David said, after 20 minutes when we'd finally found our way again, although he actually said something entirely different that is unprintable in the News Review.

"Happy to help," I said. From then on, I kept my good ideas to myself, which meant we finished the course quite a lot faster than we might otherwise have done. And it's a good thing; by the time we were done my pace could only be described as plodding. It took us two-and-a-half hours to complete that three-kilometer route. I only fell once, when I did an actual face-plant, but as I face-planted into wet leaves and spongy undergrowth I bounced right back up again. Bounced metaphorically.

"What part of orienteering is that?" my sister wondered, when I told her I'd done a face-plant and sent her a picture Amy had taken to mark the occasion (after ensuring I was all right, of course). "Are you looking for animal tracks, ground-water levels, or moss patterns? I don't

remember this part from Girl Guides."

It turns out orienteering is a fantastically good time. Amy described it as both a physical and a mental challenge and while that indicates it is in no way a sport I should ever do on my own, it is also a pretty much perfect description. We passed other people in the woods and to a one, they were friendly and good-natured. David and Rachel were gentle, encouraging, informative hosts, keeping us safe and on the right track. I loved it so much I asked David if I could join him again, and I have plans to do Quantico Orienteering Club's January 2 event in Greenbelt Park. I figure by then I will have recovered enough from this event that I will be able to get off my bed and try another one. After all, now that I know how to use a compass, what could possibly go wrong?

To learn more about orienteering and the Quantico Orienteering Club, visit: qocweb.org. Register for the Greenbelt Park event on January 2 here: qocweb.org/events/2022/1/2/greenbelt.



David Alexander punches in at the start while Kyla looks on.

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from around the world that explore civil rights, human rights, historic preservation, LGBTQ issues, artists and artworks, the revolutionary era of poets Shelley and Keats, a militiaman's mindset and assorted other compelling and timely subjects – like germs.

Beating Super Bugs: Can We Win? This is a film that investigates antibiotic-resistant bacteria, dangerous "super bugs" that threaten world health, according to the experts in this disturbing film.

Another important movie – *Who Cares About DC?* – examines the historic battle for congressional voting rights by District of Columbia residents and their leaders. Director Stephen Kolb will be on hand to take questions about his film, which features activists who continue to battle for fairness.

Several other films look at civil rights. *A Date With History* documents the 1955 arrest of a Black woman and a White man at a Miami, Fla., hotel for violating the city's strict segregation laws. Unmarked, co-directed by Chris Haley, documents ongoing efforts to find and preserve unmarked African American burial sites scattered across the South. Haley will be on hand to take questions after the screening.

Sheer Qorma, an Indian film, explores belonging, acceptance, identity and family, as queer Muslim women and non-binary

characters of color embrace tolerance and love.

The *Militiaman* takes place in the hills of rural Pennsylvania, where the leader of a local militia must prepare his men for the turbulent political landscape of 2020 while warring with his own conscience.

Utopia annually screens works that creatively explore the personal, social, political, cultural and environmental issues that challenge humanity's never-ending quest for a better world. The event takes its name from Greenbelt's historic New Deal origins as a community dedicated to "the uplift of the human spirit," in First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt's words.

That spirit was reflected in 1975, when Japan gave 53 priceless bonsai trees to the United States in honor of the nation's upcoming Bicentennial. One of this year's most charming films, *Bicentennial Bonsai: Emissaries of Peace*, uses archival footage and interviews to tell this unusual and utopian story. Directors Paul Awad and Kathryn O'Sullivan will answer questions about their film.

For more festival information, trailers, synopses and ticket information, see utopiafilmfestival.org.

Susan Gervasi serves as deputy director of the nonprofit *Utopia Film Festival*, which has offered fine independent films to Greenbelt audiences since 2005.

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City Thanks Two Retiring Public Works Employees

by Kevin Carpenter-Driscoll

Two longtime City of Greenbelt employees retired in October from the Department of Public Works. David Gross and Ali Sillah have been regular fixtures on the facilities cleaning crew and with the department, 26 years and 30 years, respectively, as part-time and full-time employees. Gross, a longtime Greenbelt resident, was hired in 1991 to work on the cleaning crew. He moved between all the different crews before finding a permanent role back on the cleaning crew. After graduating from high school, Gross went to trade school to find his calling card but couldn't quite find the trade to put his stamp on. "It turned out to be cleaning," he said with a smile. After retiring, Gross plans to follow the advice of his 104-year-old aunt and go with the flow and spend time fishing with his six grandkids.

Sillah moved to Greenbelt in 1991 after leaving his previous job with a cleaning company to work with the Department of Public Works. Soft spoken and diligent with his work, Sillah exudes an aura of welcoming kindness as he goes through his day, always ready to say hello and wish you well. Building Maintenance Supervisor Richard



Ali Sillah and David Gross pose with Jim Sterling at their retirement party earlier this month. Sillah and Gross worked more than 30 years each at the city Department of Public Works.

Sorzano says, "Ali is very well liked, not only by the cleaning crew but everywhere he worked. He paid attention to the specific needs of employees and fulfilled them." Now that he is retiring, Sillah plans to move down to Charlotte, N.C., to spend time relaxing with family. When asked if there is anything he will miss, he said, "It's a nice place to work, the city is nice. I love Greenbelt."

Both Gross and Sillah came to Greenbelt looking for continuity and found it working for

the city. Over their long careers, they worked hard to keep the city's buildings clean. In their final years they were asked to go above and beyond to meet Covid-19 prevention standards to ensure the buildings were as safe as possible for the public and staff. The city and the Department of Public Works are incredibly grateful to have had Gross and Sillah as part of their team and wish them the best as they move on to their next phase of relaxing and spending time with family.



Construction worker Tobi adds to the Halloween chalk art at Greenbelt Station.

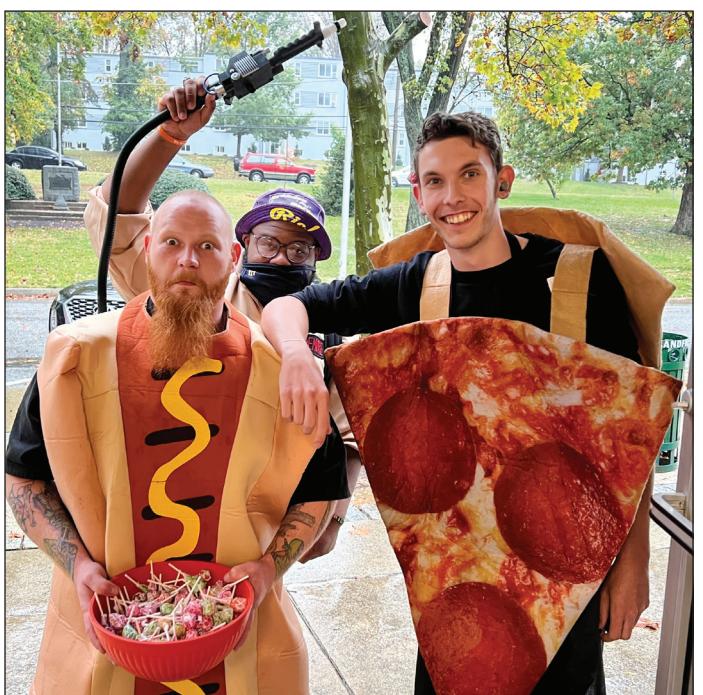


Humorous tombstones in central Greenbelt



October Pumpkin

Candy Handout



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Friday's rain doesn't keep Roosevelt Center businesses, including Realty 1, from handing out Halloween candy.



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Roberts Resigns from Council But Only For a Short Time

by Kathleen Gallagher

On Monday, November 1, a special meeting of the city council was called to be held that night, with a published agenda of Discussion of Councilmember Resignation. Who could it be and what would happen to all the votes already cast?

As 8 p.m. drew closer, councilmembers assembled: Leta Mach, Emmett Jordan, Rodney Roberts, Judith Davis and Silke Pope, with Mayor Colin Byrd ready to preside. It was revealed that Pope had requested the meeting, and she said it was because email had been circulating and people were confused – indeed, she was confused – and she wanted Roberts to have a chance to explain what it was all about. Byrd then asked Roberts if he would like to take the floor and explain what had been going on for the last couple of weeks.

Roberts opened by apologizing for causing “a bit of a ruckus,” which he said had not been his intention. He said it all has to do with the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center (BARC), for which he has been a longtime advocate. He has strongly opposed the plan for another federal

agency, the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, to move to BARC, citing potential environmental damage.

Roberts went on to say that he had come to believe that the city council and the City of Greenbelt will not ultimately challenge the moving of Engraving and Printing to BARC. He said it is a legal issue now, and he had decided that he would pursue the matter himself. In order to do so, he needed to release the savings he has accumulated with the city over his 30 years as a city employee on council. Having access to his savings required his resignation, even if temporary.

Roberts went on to explain that at the time of this meeting and until the conclusion of the election, he indeed is not a member of council, but he is still on the ballot and is still a candidate for council.

Before the meeting ended, Councilmembers Pope and Davis spoke to give Roberts some financial advice, as well as to say that council is in fact unanimous in its opposition to the moving of Engraving and Printing to BARC.

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numbers may also be affected by Covid-19 precautions and overcast weather, but for some Greenbelters, voting in person is a consistent part of their election year routine.

“I think a lot of people voted early or tried to do mail-in voting,” said Silke Pope, city council candidate. “But there’s some people who vote on voting day, and that’s their tradition and I think that’s wonderful.”

This year’s ballot included voting for seven out of the 10 candidates running for council, as well as the potential of establishing a commission to develop reparations proposals for African American and Native American Greenbelt residents.

The establishment of a referendum committee would allow Greenbelters to contribute to a national conversation at a local level.

“Local elections lead to bigger elections. In order to get what you want in the larger election, you have to start small,” said Greenbelt voter Linda Mobley.

As city council candidates await election results, current Mayor and City Council Candi-

Outdoor Lunch Tents Needed at ERHS

To continue with safe outdoor lunches through the colder weather, the Eleanor Roosevelt High School PTSA is raising funds to purchase sturdy tents, with sides, to keep the students warm and dry. The tents, even with walls, will offer much more ventilation than the indoor lunch locations. They need to raise \$20,000 for these safe, high-quality tents. Consider contributing to keep the school, and our larger community, Covid-19 safe. The students, teachers and school staff will benefit from any contributions.

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Jordan is the presumptive mayor having earned the highest number of votes of any of the candidates. First-time candidate Weaver is the presumptive mayor pro-tem. The rest of the council is made up of the other incumbents and Gordon.

And, as current and returning Councilmember Davis pointed out, for the first time, the new council has representatives from all corners of Greenbelt. Davis, Jordan and Byrd are from Greenbelt East. Weaver and Gordon are from Greenbelt West, while Pope and Roberts both live in central Greenbelt.

Back in the fire house, Jordan thanked his volunteers and other candidates, noting that, “It takes a whole lot of courage to get

out there and run for office.” He pledged to work together with the other councilmembers for the good of Greenbelt, and then immediately made good on that promise by inviting all the other newly elected councilmembers to take a moment to speak.

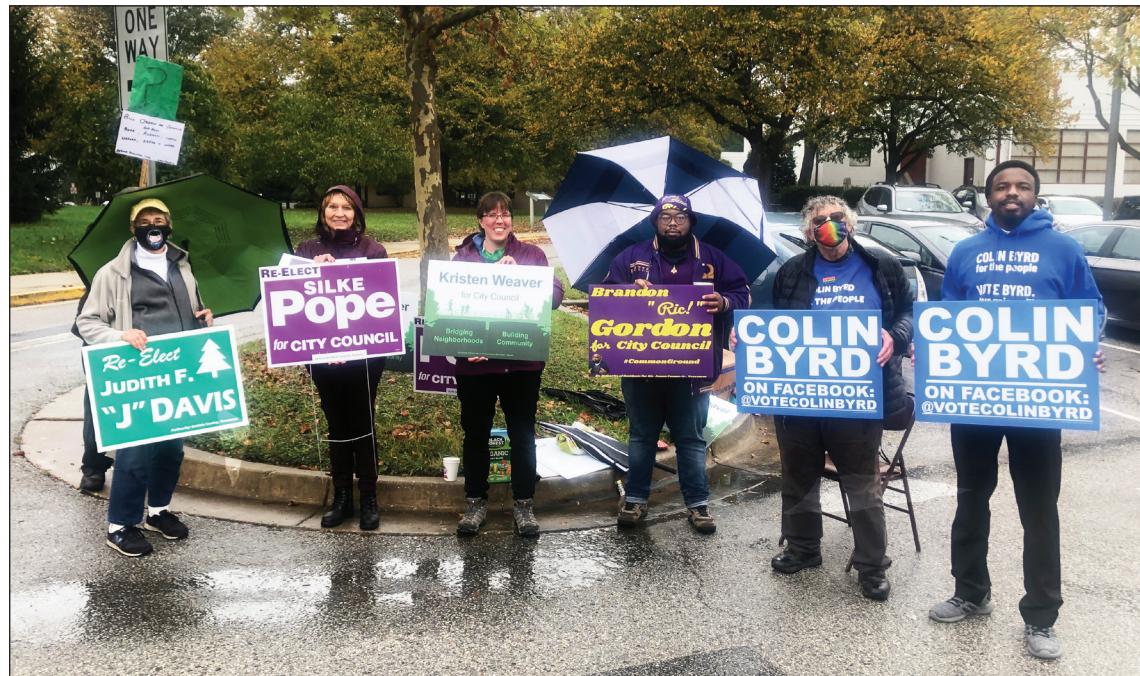
Out-going Mayor Byrd thanked his volunteers and supporters saying that the office has been the “honor of my life.” He also congratulated the incoming mayor and mayor pro tem, then added: “I salute the people of Greenbelt for engaging in this election process.”

Weaver said she was honored and stunned by the results. After saying thank you, she also pledged to work with all of Greenbelt for a better city.

Davis noted that this was her 15th term and she has seen some ups and downs. “This has been a rough year,” she said. “We will make sure we do not make the same mistakes.”

Pope echoed a pledge of unity and thanked her supporters. And Roberts had gone home before the results were posted.

That left council newcomer Gordon, who had run and lost in an earlier election, but tried again because of the encouragement of Kelly “Pop” Ivy. Gordon explained that he started talking about public service with his grandmother when he was 10, so earning a spot on council was a project 30 years in the making. “I’m just happy to serve with such great people.”



Candidates and supporters gather outside the Community Center polling place on November 2.

Voter Statistics	Precinct 3	Precinct 6	Precinct 8	Precinct 13	Precinct 18	Early Voting	Mail-in	Total Voters
# of voters voting at polls	434	532	119	179	194			1,458
# of voters voting at polls early voting + mail-in						390	827	1,217
Total Voting (polls + early voting + mail-in)	434	532	119	179	194	390	827	2,675
# Registered to Vote	3,293	2,436	3,718	2,994	2,606			15,047
% of registered voters voting	13.2%	21.8%	3.2%	6.0%	7.4%			17.8%
Referendum (Yes)	247	263	100	134	137	214	427	1,522
Referendum (No)	165	164	13	41	43	157	327	910

Voting statistics and referendum results

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Police Blotter

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www.greenbeltdmd.gov/police.

Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.

Armed Robbery

October 24, 10:25 p.m., 5800 block Cherrywood Lane. A man reported that he was robbed at gunpoint by six young men in the 5800 block Cherrywood Lane. They took the man's personal property before they fled in a black SUV.

Theft

October 21, 9:58 p.m., 200 block Lakeside Drive. A package was taken from the porch of a home.

October 22, 11:55 a.m., 6000 Greenbelt Road. A gray Btwin Rockrider bike outside of a business was stolen.

October 26, 10 p.m., 9200 block Springhill Lane. A package was stolen from the area behind a doorstop.

October 27, 8:50 p.m., Spellman Overpass. A white-and-black bicycle was stolen.

Burglary

October 27, 1:49 p.m., 9200 block Springhill Lane. A window in a vacant apartment had been tampered with and damage to the apartment was found.

Vandalism

October 21, 8:23 p.m., 7900 block Mandan Road. A patio door was damaged by a blunt object.

October 22, 5:31 a.m., 8200 block Canning Terrace. Homeowner Association property was vandalized.

October 23, 10:02 p.m., 9100 block Edmonston Terrace. A rock was thrown through an apartment window.

October 27, 6:07 p.m., 7900 block Mandan Road. A blunt

object broke a window of a residence.

Vehicle Crime

Two vehicles were stolen and another one was recovered. A 2018 Nissan Sentra with Maryland tags 2EV2900 was taken on October 24 from the 9100 block of Edmonston Road. A black Honda Accord with Maryland tags 9EF2253 was taken from the 7600 block of Greenbelt Road, also on October 24.

A 2011 Buick Regal stolen from 6000 Greenbelt Road was recovered in the 8000 block of Cherrywood Lane.

Front tags taken from the 7800 block of Cloister Place were recovered the same day by Laurel City Police. Tags were also recovered in the 6100 block of Breezewood Drive.

Personal property was taken in the 7400 block of Greenbelt Road, 7800 block Mandan Road and 7200 block of Hanover Parkway (three vehicles) after windows were broken to gain access.

Nothing was taken in some instances.

Animal Shelter Responds

This past week, staff responded to calls at 19 Parkway for an injured snapping turtle and at 8017 Mandan Road for an injured deer.

A dog-on-dog incident was reported at 5310 North Center Drive. Staff was called to Olivewood Court because of a fox with mange.

Panel on ERPO Program Hosted by Mishkan Torah

by Shalom Fisher

On Thursday, October 14, Mishkan Torah Congregation co-sponsored a Zoom panel discussion on Extreme Risk Prevention Orders (ERPO), formerly known as Red Flag laws. The goal of the program was to promote awareness and implementation of ERPO laws. ERPO laws have been passed in 19 states and the District of Columbia.

The ERPO law in Maryland allows for a law officer, health professional or family or household member to petition a judge to have a person denied access to firearms. Since the law took effect in 2018, Maryland courts have granted 989 ERPO orders. As an estimate of effectiveness, data gathered in Connecticut led researchers to believe that a suicide was averted in approximately one of 10 gun removal cases brought under the ERPO law. No equivalent statistics are available for Maryland; however, if the math is consistent across states, it is likely that approximately 100 lives have been saved from suicide in Maryland since its law was enacted.

The six-person panel on October 14 addressed 97 viewers from Maryland, Virginia and the District of Columbia. On the panel were Josh Horwitz, executive director of Coalition to Stop Gun Violence; Leslie Parsons, assistant chief, Investigative Division, D.C. Metropolitan Police Department; Montgomery County Sheriff Darren Popkin; Delegate Kathleen Murphy, Virginia House of Delegates; Shannon Fratteroli, profes-

sor at Johns Hopkins University and director of the Johns Hopkins Center for Injury Research and Policy at the Bloomberg School of Public Health; and Quintina Garrett, director of Hotline Services at Baltimore Crisis Response, Inc.

In addition to reporting on the overwhelming success of the ERPO laws and their widespread support among the general public, the panel described the challenges that still remain in the implementation and application of the laws. Thirty states have yet to pass these laws. In the jurisdictions where the laws exist, they continue to be underutilized. Mental and medical health professionals, as well as the population at large, in many cases are unaware of the existence of the laws or how to

take advantage of them. In addition, some are daunted by the time required to generate and testify for ERPO petitions. Another factor at play in the underutilization of the laws is public distrust of law enforcement professionals who are called upon to apply the laws. The conclusion of the panel was that more education needs to be done about the existence of the laws and how to take advantage of them, and what the process looks like once the petition is granted.

For further information about the ERPO laws, here is a useful link: templesinaidc.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/57/2021/10/Links-to-Further-Information-on-Risk-Protection-Order-Laws.pdf.

Halloween Farmers Market



Edgar Allan Poe (aka Ian Blackwell Rogers) recites The Raven at the Farmers Market on October 31.

- Photos by Jon Gardner



The snow queen plays flute at the Farmers Market.

CHEARS Offers Food For Life Class

Chesapeake Education, Arts and Research Society (CHEARS) is sponsoring a nutrition and cooking class from the award-winning Food for Life Program, Foods to Fight Diabetes, developed by Physicians Committee of Responsible Medicine, on Saturday, November 13.

The program will be held at the outdoor "kitchen" of the Pavilion at Schrom Hills Park. Attendees will learn how to prepare some healthy, economical and delicious plant-based recipes.

The session will run from 4 to 5:15 p.m. The class will be led by Greenbelt resident Geraldine Adams, a certified Food for Life instructor.

Registration is required as space is limited. For more information, email ghadamsrn@gmail.com.

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Sports

ERHS Volleyball Girls Win Five-set Thriller over Bowie

by Scott Fifield

Only four players on the Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS) Girls Varsity Volleyball Team returned from the 2019 season and only one of those players logged significant time in matches that season. So after two poor matches against tough non-league competition and five easy wins in the league, the Raiders showed by early October and again on Monday, October 18, that they're a solid team.

Last week, the Raiders played three solid sets to defeat Charles H. Flowers High School. Early in the season, ERHS struggled against tall teams and Flowers looked imposing, but the Raiders controlled the match with tough serving (70 for 73 serves in) and slowly pulled away for a convincing and satisfying victory. That gave the team confidence for the October 18 match at undefeated Bowie High School. The Raiders could have crumbled after a terrible opening set. But give this team credit. They pulled together and won the second and third sets. With the sold-out gym getting louder and louder, Bowie fought back and forced a fifth set. The Raiders confidently jumped out to leads of 5-0, 7-1 and 9-2 for a convincing 15-7 fifth-set win. A wild celebration ensued with fans rushing out of the stands to join the fray.

ERHS now stands at 7-2, 7-0 in the county's 4A Conference with five matches remaining. Impressively, all of the players involved in the match against Bowie made significant contributions – the team definitely isn't a one- or two-girl show.



The ERHS volleyball team (white shirts) excels at serving and defense.

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In honor of the new series, I Know What You Did Last Summer, those who come to give blood, platelets or plasma from November 1 to 12 will automatically be entered to win a trip for two to Hawaii, courtesy of Amazon Prime Video. All who come to give during November 1 to 23 will receive a \$10 Amazon.com gift card by email, thanks to Amazon.

The next local blood drive will be held on Friday, November 12 from 12:30 to 6 p.m. at the Community Center, 15 Crescent Road. Donors are urged to schedule an appointment now by using the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting RedCrossBlood.org or calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

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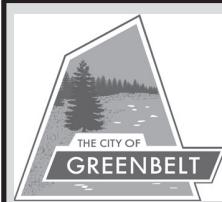
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Greenbelt Community Questionnaire 2021

At election time, residents are asked to take a few minutes to complete the following questionnaire. The information obtained will be useful to the newly elected City Council and City staff. Your confidential responses will be consolidated in a report for general distribution. If a question is not applicable, please leave it blank. Please place completed questionnaires in the box provided at the polling location or send it to the City Office at 25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, Maryland 20770. You may also complete the survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/communityquestionnaire...NO MAILING REQUIRED!>

GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Residency:
 Apartment Townhouse
 GHI Condominium
 Detached Single Family Home

2. Residency - Neighborhood

- Greenbelt East (east of Baltimore-Washington Parkway)
 Greenbelt West (west of Kenilworth Avenue)
 Center City (between Kenilworth & B-W Parkway)

3. Do you? Own Rent

4. Age: Under 18 45-60
 18-29 61-74
 30-44 75+

5. How many years have you lived in Greenbelt?

- Less than 1 year 1-5 yrs.
 6-10 yrs 11-20 yrs.
 21-30 yrs. More than 30 yrs.

6. Employment Status (Please check all that apply.)

- Full-Time Part-Time
 Unemployed Retired
 Stay at home parent
 Work from home
 Student Multiple Jobs

7. Where do you work?

- Greenbelt
 Prince George's County
 Baltimore Washington, D.C.
 Montgomery County Other

8. Please prioritize (1-3) your top three modes of transportation

- Personal Automobile
 Metrorail TheBus
 Carpool/Vanpool
 MetroBus Taxi/Uber/Lyft
 Bicycle Walking
 Greenbelt Connection
 Other

CURRENT QUESTIONS

1. Are you using the new mail-in voting procedure this year? Yes No
 If yes, rate the ease of the process 1-5, (circle one) (5=Excellent, 4=Good, 3=Average, 2=Fair, 1=Poor)
 Would you use the mail-in option again? Yes No

2. Do you support changing how the City is structured? An alternative to election of Councilmembers "atlarge", the City would be divided into districts/precincts and/or a combination of district and at-large representation? Yes No

3. Should Greenbelt residents who are not US citizens be allowed to vote in City elections? Yes No

PUBLIC SAFETY

1. Please rate your satisfaction over the last 2 years with the following services. (5=Excellent, 4=Good, 3=Average, 2=Fair, 1=Poor)

- Police Presence
 Police Responsiveness
 Dispatcher Responsiveness
 Overall Police Performance
 Overall Police Employee Competence
 Police Attitude & Behavior Towards Citizens
 Animal Control
 Traffic Control
 Fire & Rescue
 Parking Enforcement

2. Do you have any concerns about safety and security within Greenbelt? If so, please list:

3. If you have contacted the Police in the last 2 years, was the employee polite and courteous? Yes No

4. Did the police employee assist you satisfactorily? Yes No
 Don't Know

5. Please list any suggestions for improving police services, under General Comments #4

PUBLIC WORKS

1. Please rate your satisfaction over the last 2 years with the following services. (5=Excellent, 4=Good, 3=Average, 2=Fair, 1=Poor)

- Street Maintenance
 Street Lighting
 Street Cleaning
 Snow Removal
 Sidewalk Maintenance
 Crosswalks
 Bike Lanes
 Park Maintenance
 Refuse Collection
 Recycling
 Mowing/Flower & Tree Planting
 Building Maintenance
 Bus Stops
 Greenbelt Connection

2. If you have contacted Public Works in the last 2 years, was the employee polite and courteous? Yes No

GREENBELT CARES /SOCIAL SERVICES

1. Have you or your family utilized any of the services listed below (#3) in the last 2 years? Yes No

2. Did you know that the City provides the services below? Yes No

3. If yes, please rate your satisfaction with the services. (5=Excellent, 4=Good, 3=Average, 2=Fair, 1=Poor)

- Counseling (individual, family or group)
 Crisis Intervention Counseling
 Tutoring
 Job Bank
 Babysitting Workshop
 GED Program
 Assistance in Living (GAIL) Program

4. If you plan to remain in your home as you age, which of the following might you require?

- Online Advice & Support
 Home Modifications
 Activities for Homebound
 1st Floor Bathroom
 Other:

4. How soon would you need these services? Now 1-3 Years 4-7 Years
 8+ Years

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/ CODE ENFORCEMENT

1. Have you had contact with City Community Development/Code Enforcement Staff (inspection, permit, tall grass, structure complaint, etc.)? Yes No

2. Was the Community Development/ Code Enforcement employee polite and courteous? Yes No

3. Did the Community Development/ Code Enforcement employee assist you satisfactorily? Yes No

GREENBELT MUSEUM

1. Have you or a member of your household visited the museum or attended a museum activity in the past 2 years? Yes No

EDUCATION

1. If you have school age children, please rate the schools they currently attend. (5=Excellent, 4=Good, 3=Average, 2=Fair, 1=Poor)

- Greenbelt Elementary
 Springhill Lake Elementary
 Dora Kennedy French Immersion
 Magnolia Elementary
 Greenbelt Middle School
 Eleanor Roosevelt High School
 Home Schooling
 Other

2. Using the same scale as #1 above, please rate the Prince George's School System overall.

3. Please rank the following questions. (5=Strongly Agree, 4=Agree, 3=Neutral, 2=Disagree, 1=Strongly Disagree)
 The City should continue to provide Science & Reading Clubs
 The City should continue to provide grants to Greenbelt schools
 County taxes should be increased to fund education.

RECREATION

1. Please rate your satisfaction with any facilities which you or your family have used (5=Excellent, 4=Good, 3=Average, 2=Fair, 1=Poor)

- Aquatic & Fitness Center
 Athletic Fields
 Community Center
 Springhill Lake Rec. Center
 Youth Center
 Parks Trails
 Dog Park Skate Park
 Playgrounds
 Other

2. Please rate your satisfaction with any activities which you or your family have attended: (5=Excellent, 4=Good, 3=Average, 2=Fair, 1=Poor)

- Fitness classes
 Pre-School classes
 Youth/Adult classes
 Camp programs
 Visual Art programs
 Senior programs
 Performing Art programs
 Aquatics programs
 Special Events (Artful Afternoons, Fall Fest, July 4th, Winter Lights Festival, Celebration of Spring, etc.)
 Other (Please Specify):

3. Please check any programs which you or a member of your household are likely to attend within the next 2 years. (Check all that apply)

- Pre-school Activities
 Children's Afterschool Activities
 Children's Weekend Activities
 Children's Drop-In Activities
 Home School/School
 Enrichment Activities
 Family Recreation Activities
 – Weekends
 Drop-In Activities
 Adult Classes or Leagues
 Senior Activities
 Special Events (Artful Afternoons, Fall Fest, July 4th, Winter Lights Festival, Celebration of Spring, etc.)

PUBLIC INFORMATION

1. How would you prefer to receive information about City programs and services? (Please rank in priority order 1-10; 1=top preference)

- Greenbelt TV Mail
 City Newsletter E-mail
 Greenbelt News Review
 Facebook Youtube
 Posters/Flyers Radio
 Greenbeltdmd.gov Post
 Facebook Local TV News
 Washington Post
 Other

2. Please rate your satisfaction with Greenbelt's efforts to publicize and broadcast official information and City events? (5=Excellent, 4=Good, 3=Average, 2=Fair, 1=Poor)

3. Do you use the City's website at www.greenbeltdmd.gov?

- Yes No
 If so, what for?
 Watch Meetings
 Calendar
 Watch Videos
 Documents
 Other:

4. What services would you like to see on the City website?

5. Have you used the video streaming/on-demand section of the City website? Yes No

6. Have you watched any of the programming, including Council meetings, offered on the City's Municipal Access channel over the past 2 years? Yes No

7. Do you watch the public access channel known as Greenbelt Access Television (GATE)? Yes No

CITY SERVICES & TAXES

1. How do you rate the value of City services and programs for your tax dollars? (5=Excellent, 4=Good, 3=Average, 2=Fair, 1=Poor)

2. Are City services fairly distributed throughout Greenbelt?

- Yes No (Provide Comments under General Comments #4)

3. The City has limited ability to raise revenues other than through property taxes or fees. In light of this fact, would you support a tax rate increase in order to: Maintain current City services/programs Yes No

- Increase City services/programs Yes No

- Provide fair compensation to employees Yes No

- Participate in green initiatives (greenhouse gas reduction, solar power, battery powered equipment, etc.) Yes No

4. In general, should City services be (choose one):

- Kept at the same level

- Reduced Increased

5. If the City had to reduce services/programs, which ones would you suggest and why?

GENERAL COMMENTS

1. Describe what you like most about the Greenbelt community.

2. Describe what you like least about the Greenbelt Community.

3. Are there any improvements to the City or new City Programs you would suggest?

4. What improvements or new City programs could make the mail-in voting process easier to use, or entice you to use it next election?

5. Other Comments: